Signing of Draft Military Agreement with Russia

2033. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether during his recent visit to Russia a draft comprehensive military cooperation agreement was prepared for being signed before or during the intended visit of the Russia President to New Delhi in January next year; and

(b) if so, what are the broad features of the draft agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) & (b) The draft of an agreement on military cooperation was handed over by the Russian Government. The proposed agreement, which encompasses military to military cooperation in various areas viz., technical, scientific, training, public and cultural relations etc., is under consideration.

New Plants for Production of Defence Weapons and Materials

2034. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :
SHRI P. UPENDRA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Defence Department has formulated plans for joint production of advanced weapons, air & ground vehicles with Russian Federation or any other agency;

(b) what are the new advanced military technologies the Defence Department has adopted; and

(c) what sort of cost-effective measures are being taken by Government in view of the financial constraints ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) It would not be in the national interest to disclose the details.

(c) Due to on-going financial constraints, a number of cost effective and economy measures have been initiated by the Government. Some of these measures are listed in the enclosed statement.

Statement

(a) Careful monitoring of all on going projects/schemes with a view to optimising available resources;

(b) Optimum utilisation of manpower;

(c) Strict inventory control;

(d) Sale of surplus/obsolete stores and scrap;

(e) Indigenisation of defence equipment etc.;

(f) Reduction in movement of personnel, optimum utilisation of transport etc.;

(g) Economy in general administration;

(h) Curtailment of capital investment;

(j) Close scrutiny of project estimates;

(k) Introduction of total quality management concepts;

(1) In-house value Engineering projects;

(m) Energy saving measures.

(n) Optimum capacity utilisation through diversification;

(o) Better cash management;

(p) Standardisation.

Supply of Spares and Military hardware by Russia to India

2035. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI S. MADHAVAN :
SHRI G. G. SWELL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI :

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV:

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL :

SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present status of supply of spares and military hardware by Russia and Ukraine;

(b) what were the important points discussed and agreement reached in this regard with the leaders of Russia and Ukraine during his recent visit to these countries indicating therewith the nature, quantum and cost of defence spares in terms of foreign exchange and Indian rupee; and

(c) whether the question of defence credit was also discussed and an agreement reached, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) The flow of supplies is showing signs of improvement.

(b) and (c) Consequent to discussions with their leadership, understandings have been reached on various aspects of Defence Cooperation with the Governments of Russia and Ukraine. Suitable credit arrangements have been concluded with the Russian Government for the supply of production and other support.

Modernisation of IAF Planes

2036. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force has plans to purchase sophisticated planes and also to upgrade the existing one with modern equipments; and

(b) if so, what is the budget allocation made by his Ministry for modernis-ng the planes in IAF ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) Modernisation of the Indian Air Force is an ongoing process. However, specific modernisation schemes are taken up on the basis of available budgetary resources. It is not in 'he security interest to provide further details.

सशस्त्रबलों के कार्मिकों की शिकायतें

2037. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : **क्या रक्षा मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सशस्त्रबलों के कर्मचारियों और वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों ने अपनी शिकायतों की सुनवाई के लिए न्यायालय का सहारा लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसे मामलों की संख्या कितनी है; और

(ग) स्वयं विभाग द्वारा उनकी शिकायतों का निवारण करने की दिशा में सरकार ने क्या प्रयास किए हैं ताकि उनका मनोबल ऊंचा बना रहे ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं । रक्षा सशस्त्र सेना अधिनियमों, नियमों तथा विनियमों के उपबन्धों के अधीन, सशस्त्र सेना कार्मिकों की व्यक्तिगत शिकायतों को दूर करने के लिए एक कारगर प्रणाली है । फिर भी, कुछ असन्तुष्ट कार्मिक विभिन्न कारणों से न्यायालयों में मुकदमा दायर कर लेते हैं । ऐसे मामलों की संख्या जिनमें सशस्त्र सेनाओं के कार्मिकों ने पिछले तीन वर्षों में न्यायालयों में मुकदमे दायर किए हैं, इस प्रकार है :—

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(ग) रक्षा सेना कार्मिकों को यह अधिकार